

Mayor Schaumburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Harrison, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Judith Kopen, Esq. was in attendance in the absence of Richard Cushing, Esq.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Schaumburg read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the minutes of March 13, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
3 Abstentions (Harrison, Ragozine, Shea)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Schaumburg reported for Mr. Cutter who was attending the American Water Works Association conference.

1. Spring Leaf Clean up will be taking place the last week of March and the first week of April.
New clean mulch is available at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2. Monthly street sweeping will resume.
3. Thank you to residents for their cooperation with the new recycling program. It has proven to be financially and environmentally beneficial.
4. At the last Water Committee meeting, Mr. Cutter and Andrew Holt, P.E. updated the Committee of their progress working with Steve Balzano and the Highlands Council and their attempts to proceed with Well 16.
5. Mayor Schaumburg appointed Jessie May to the Sign Committee replacing Mark DiReinz, who recently resigned.
6. Chief Matheis is requesting that Patrolman Peter Tilstra be removed from probationary status

and advance to the next pay grade retroactive to his anniversary date of March 13, 2007. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

7. Chief Matheis also requested that Patrolman Jeff Ollerenshaw be advanced to the next pay status having performed his duties in acceptable fashion, he has become a solid, contributing and well like member of our Police Department. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Harrison.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

8. Mayor Schaumburg met with Acting Superintendent John Sansky and Board of Education Business Administrator, Lisa Ayers. Mr. Sansky and Ms. Ayers gave an overview of the School Budget 2007-2008 and explained a 3.2% increase was due to contractual salaries. A copy of the budget is available in the Clerk's office.
9. Kid's Day is scheduled for April 21, 2007 at the Community Center. The event will be held rain or shine from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many exciting activities are planned, including Child ID program, Dental and Spinal checks, McGruff, the Crime Dog, DARE officers, Clinton Rescue Squad, Clinton Fire Department and much more.

TAX ASSESSOR PRESENTATION – MARCIA SUDANO-KERWIN

Ms. Sudano-Kerwin reported that she has received three tax appeals, one has been resolved and two involve land that is "landlocked" and a single family dwelling in a condominium ownership. Marcia has been attending PAMS (Property Assessment Management System) classes for design sessions and testing on a weekly basis in Trenton. Ms. Kerwin stated that the Vital conversion is questionable and it does not appear to be known at this time as to who is paying for the conversion. The County Board has passed a resolution requiring an additional step to the process that includes a second visit to residents not responding from the post card that was left during the first on site inspection. A monthly log is now required that lists all properties scheduled for inspection and the dates of all inspection attempts and correspondence.

Dave Centrelli, Tax Assessor's Assistant, also attended this evening's meeting, and stated he will begin visiting residents in the Clinton Knolls, which includes Lakeview, Lingert, Union, Marudy, Messig Spruce Run, Quarry Ridge, etc. Mr. Centrelli will be taking pictures of all the homes in that area beginning in April.

SEWER REFUND

Sewer Collector, Cecilia Covino, has requested a sewer reimbursement be used in the amount of \$913.87 to Peter Joseph. The owner paid a balance twice, therefore leaving a credit balance on the account. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, authorizing the refund be made as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #59-07 – STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION APP FOR SCHOOL ST.

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #59-07 authorizing Van Cleef Engineering to submit the State Historic Preservation Application for the School Street Reconstruction Project.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #60-07 – GARDEN STATE PRESERVATION TRUST

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #60-07 supporting the renewal of the Garden State Preservation Trust.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #61-07 – OPPOSITION TO BILL A-3857

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #61-07 which would eliminate RCA's as a tool to facilitate municipal compliance with Mount Laurel.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #62-07 – U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #62-07 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #63-07 – REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #63-07 appointing Carlos Rodrigues of Regional Plan Association to perform the services of Professional Community Visioning Planner to facilitate the revision of the Master Plan for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - COMMUNITY VISIONING PLANNER

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Professional Services Agreement agreeing to the terms of the Professional Community

Vision Planner as set forth in the proposal received from Carlos Rodriguez of the Regional Plan Association.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #64-07 – 2007 SMART GROWTH PLANNING APPLICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #64-07 supporting the submission of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission Grant Program Application (ANJEC). The grant applied for will help fund a Build-Out Analysis for the Town of Clinton.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 07-03 – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 70-5

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #07-03 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,
CHAPTER 70, UNIT RENTAL OF DWELLINGS SECTION 70-5,
APPLICATION FOR RENTAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #07-03 on seconded reading.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST – “CHILI COOK OFF”

Council is in receipt of a banner request from the Newcomers Club of North Hunterdon County, to display a banner announcing the “Chili Cook Off” to be held on April 21, 2007 at the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. Mr. De Cleene stated the \$25.00 fee was not received as yet and recommended waiting until the fee was received. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea to approve the request pending the receipt of the \$25.00 fee.

Vote all ayes
Vote one nay (De Cleene)
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST – HUNTERDON HORSEXPO

Council is in receipt of a banner request from the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, to display a banner announcing the “Hunterdon HorseXpo” to be held on May 19 and 20, 2007 at the South County Park in Ringoes. Mr. De Cleene stated the \$25.00 fee was not received for this application either and recommended waiting until the fee was received. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea to approve the request pending the receipt of the \$25.00 fee.

Vote all ayes
Vote one nay (De Cleene)
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notification received from NJDOT regarding the Exit 15 reconstruction project and the temporary shift in the traffic pattern.
2. Hunterdon County Freeholders provided municipalities with a copy of the 2006 Summary of Accomplishments for the Hunterdon County open Space Trust Fund Program.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**Councilman Ragozine**

1. Parks & Playgrounds – discussed potential renovations to Gebhardt Field. Discussions regarding the leveling of the dugouts took place. The condition of the dugouts are dirty, holding water and are considered to be a safety hazard. Mr. Cutter stated that the Town Public Works men could level the dugouts. Clinton Township is anxious to work with the Town, an architect is willing to review the project pro bono and make recommendations. Mr. Shea suggested getting an architects recommendation prior to leveling the dugouts and to take pictures of the dugouts before work begins. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded to Mr. Ragozine, to demolish the dugouts at this time.

Vote all ayes
1 Nay (Shea)
Motion carried

2. Town of Clinton is co-sponsoring a COUNTRY RUN on April 28, 2007.
3. Mr. Ragozine recently attended Conference, many vendors for a Green Future.

Attorney Kopen

1. Updated Council on the Constantine Class Action suit. Decision will be forthcoming.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Emergency Services Foundation waiting for Internal Revenue Service approval to hold a Power Ball. Applying to the Gaming Commission this Spring. Looking to hold an October drawing.
2. Sewer Committee to introduce Grease Trap Ordinance at the next meeting, April 10, 2007.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Smart Growth Committee deciding dates for the charrette process with consultants and the public. A charrette is a public meeting with professionals from DOT, Community owners, residents, Police, Fire, Rescue, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members. The topics to be addressed are streetscapes, traffic, parking, downtown revitalization. The Center for New Urbanism Community provided three consultants from DOT for the Town to choose one. This would amount to a savings for the Town of \$10,000 to \$15,000. The charrette is expected to be a large public forum and may be held at Clinton Public School or the Holiday Inn. The group is focusing on a Saturday in June, possibly two evening meetings. Their intentions are to draw up plans which would be presented to the Planning Board in the Fall.

The Committee will meet on their next regularly scheduled meeting, the second Thursday of the month, April 12th.

2. Planning Board, next meeting April 3rd, reviewing the re-examination of the Master Plan prepared by Carl Hintz, Town Planner.
3. Historic Commission meeting March 28, 2007 to discuss paint colors for 47 Leigh Street inside and out.

Councilman Shea

1. Environmental Commission met and discussed updating the Environmental Resource Inventory. The last update was completed in 1998.

Councilman Harrison

1. The new aerial truck has been delivered.
2. Personnel Committee reviewed evaluation procedures.
3. Business & Government Council are reviewing director applications.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the Overtime and Standby Pay for the period February 23, 2007 to March 22, 2007.

ROLL CALL: De Cleene, Harrison, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor